

FISCAL NOTE

HB 23

January 28, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the distribution of revenues derived from drug-related seizures, confiscation, and sales by county or municipal law enforcement personnel. Specifies that such revenue shall be used to compensate the seizing agency for reasonable and direct expenses involved in the seizure and any expenses associated with the towing, storage and sale of items forfeited. Specifies that the expenses claimed by the seizing entity are subject to audit by the Comptroller. Specifies that 75% of any remaining revenue shall be transmitted to the Department of Health and placed in the "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment Fund." Current law provides for all the revenues from drug-related seizures, confiscation and sales by county or municipal law enforcement personnel to be retained locally.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$500,000 / Alcohol and Drug
Addiction Treatment Fund**

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$500,000

Estimate assumes the state will experience an increase in revenues to the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment Fund from funds transmitted by local law enforcement agencies from drug-related forfeitures and seizures. Although the exact amount of revenue generated by such forfeitures and seizures is not known, the increase is estimated to exceed \$500,000 statewide. Local governments will experience a corresponding decrease in revenues.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director